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For: CIGARETTE PAPER HAVING HEAT- )  
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DEGRADABLE FILLER PARTICLES, )  
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AND CIGARETTE COMPRISING A )  
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CIGARETTE PAPER WRAPPER )  
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HAVING HEAT-DEGRADABLE )  
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FILLER PARTICLES )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit a PCT Search Report dated February 7, 2003 for a corresponding application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited in the Search Report but not of record in the present application is enclosed.

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I, the undersigned, hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than 30 (thirty) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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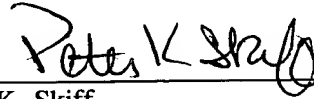
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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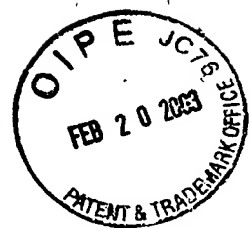


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